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CLAIMS

1. A compound needle comprising: a needle body having a hook and blade
grooves with a partition wall between them, the hook being provided at a front end of the
5 needle body; and a slider including a pair of blades, the blades being movable back and
forth in the blade grooves,

wherein front ends of the two blades are opened toward left and right, and the
blades include curved portions curved inwardly on a backside of the front ends of the
blades, and

10 wherein the partition wall has a non-uniform thickness in a longitudinal direction
including: a relatively thick section on a front end side of the blade grooves; and a
relatively thin section or a cutout section on a backside of the thick section.

2. A compound needle according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of the partition
15 wall is relatively thin on the backside.

3. A compound needle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein when the two blades
move back into the blade grooves, the curved portions contact the thick section or the
cutout section of the partition wall.